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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use a small internet provider for all my needs (web access and telephone service), and the company I use (sonic.net) provides its wonderful service at an excellent price, with excellent customer support. I could not be happier, but I understand that the large companies like AT&T / USTelecom are petitioning the FCC to deregulate or weaken the Telecom Act of 1996, and effectively ending competition from smaller companies like sonic.net and many others. In my view, these smaller companies, including my own provider, are essential to improving and increasing fiber networks and broadband access, all at competitive prices (often much better!) than the large providers like AT&T. If the Telecom Act of 1996 is no longer in force, competition will decrease and prices will rise. This would be unacceptable. Please don't cave into the USTelecom and its supporters and co-signers, and keep the 1996 US Telecom Act alive.

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